

Opposition U. S. Party Imperative

Congressman Berger Shows
Why the Two Old Parties
Are Same Thing

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That political business in Pennsylvania is rotten.

The worst of it is our social conscience has been deadened since the war. Profiteering seems to have killed the sense of shame among some public officials and big business. Even the sense of honesty of the common people has been deadened. In 1924 we had the oil scandal. Fifty years ago no administration could get up in that kind of thing could have been elected. And yet the public paid little attention to it. Republicans were not the only ones concerned with oil. One of the Democrats considered for the presidency in the Democratic national convention was an attorney for a big gun in the oil business. That's the trouble—the Republican and Democratic parties are so much alike that we need a powerful opposition party nationally.

Dem. Just as Bad
Two years ago there was a great race because Denby spent \$119,000 in Michigan. But now comes Pennsylvania with more than \$2,000,000 spent in a primary. And yet I'm afraid that nothing will happen to either Pepper or Vane.

Of course the Democrats, and especially Jim Reed, Missouri, who isn't a Democrat, will make the most of this as a political move. But when you get right down to it the Democrats deplore that they haven't enough to spend. However, big business would be just as willing to spend money to elect Democrats as old Republicans. If there appeared a candidate of radical Republicans getting into office.

Opposition Party
The main difficulty in present conditions is the complete absence of a strong opposition party nationally. President Coolidge was elected by a majority of more than 100,000 in 1924. What difference would it have made had the Democratic candidate been elected? We might have gone into the League of Nations instead of the world court. Coolidge is gone into the League by the front door instead of the back door. We would not have received any more money from the allies unless the international group of Wall Street bankers had demanded more money.

Both the Republican and Democratic parties are almost solidly for big business. Not half the Democrats in the house and senate are Democrats with a small "d." What's become of the Democratic policy of tariff for revenue only? We have almost as many high tariff Democrats in the house as we have Republicans.

People Lose Interest

President Coolidge has noted that from 1890 to 1912 about 80 per cent of the voters voted in presidential elections. Only about 50 per cent voted in the 1920 and 1924 elections. Interest is falling off because there is no difference between the two old parties.

Take the prohibition issue for example. The solid south is the backbone of the Democratic party, and the solid south is under the guardianship of the Anti-Saloon League that opposes the position of the Democratic party on prohibition no matter what Al Smith might do or say about it.

On the Republican side, New England states like Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, and middle western states like Ohio, Iowa and Kansas are for prohibition. The Anti-Saloon League was born in Ohio. All these will keep the Republican party solid.

Not Much Difference

The two old parties are alike on many issues. There are many issues on which an opposition party, industrial democracy, federal encroachment on the right of life, farm relief based on the operation of the central European market, reinforcement of the first amendment, national ownership of natural resources, and the Klan.

Dutch Socialists

Barred by British

London.—The British government refused to allow the Dutch Socialists, Fimmen and Oudegeest, to go to England to attend the international labor conference on emigration sitting here. It was disclosed yesterday. As to why the men were excluded, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the home secretary, replied that he had ascertained during the general strike that they had interfered with British trade by convincing that British ships should be put up in foreign ports.

Women March in Thousands Against War

Converge on London from All
British Isles in Vast
Demonstration

London.—The most remarkable demonstration against war ever witnessed in this city was staged in Hyde Park last Saturday.

Thousands of women from all parts of England, Scotland, and Wales had been marching toward the capital for weeks, carrying banners demanding the peaceful adjustment of international disputes. Some of these bands were numerically small, some reached impressive proportions, all were animated by the crusading spirit.

In every town and city the women entered they held meetings and secured the adoption of resolutions indorsing their cause.

One of the women tramped 300 miles during her pilgrimage. Practically all had travelled great distances. The final meeting in Hyde Park was a tremendous success. Forty women's societies participated, and speeches were delivered by men and women prominent in social, industrial and political life.

Lord Parmoor, who was Lord President of the Council in Ramsey MacDonald's ministry, declared that "the spirit of peace is ebbing away in Europe."

He said there was no prospect for disarmament unless the people of Great Britain could compel their government to take the lead promptly and decisively.

The Incentive

By Sarah N. Cleghorn
I saw a sickly cellar plant
Droop on its feeble stem, for want
Of sun and wind and rain and dew
Of Freedom!—Then a man came
Through the door, and I heard him say,
"Poor, foolish plant, by all means stay
Contented here; for—know you not?
This stagnant dampness, mould and rot
Are your incentive to grow tall
And reach that sunbeam on the wall."
—Even as he spoke, the sun's
One spark
Withdrew, and left the dusk
More dark.

Dictionary Definitions of Socialism

By Webster's dictionary—Socialism—"A political and economic theory of social reorganization, the essential feature of which is governmental control of economic activities, to the end that competition shall give way to co-operation and that the opportunities of life and the rewards of labor shall be equitably apportioned."

By Dictionary of American Politics, by Edward C. Smith—Socialism—"The political and industrial doctrines that the control of all the forces of a nation should be placed in the hands of the wealth-producing classes for the purpose of bringing about public ownership and operation of the principal means of production and exchange."

By American Yearbook—Socialism—"To be regarded, not primarily as a theoretical system or scheme of social reorganization, but as a class movement growing out of the facts of capitalist society, which has developed a body of theory and a program to meet its needs. It aims at the establishment of economic liberty, international peace and social harmony through abolition of private ownership and control of socially necessary means of production and distribution, and the substitution thereof of public ownership and democratic administration, with production for use instead of profit."

By New International Encyclopedia—Socialism—"An ideal economic system in which industry is carried on under social direction and for the benefit of society as a whole."

By Encyclopedia Britannica—Socialism—"That policy or theory which aims at securing by the action of the central democratic authority a better distribution, and in due subordination thereto a better production of wealth than now prevails."

The Real Independence Day to Come

Every Independence Day that has been celebrated down through the ages of history to this day has been celebrated in honor of the independence of a nation.

Independence from what? Independence from control by other nations. The right of the American nation to determine its own course free from control or interference by any and all other nations is what we celebrate on July 4th.

The time has come to ask, "What is this sort of independence worth?" In a world where the independence of nations would truly mean the right of people to live and develop without interference or control from outside sources, independence would be the most glorious word in every language.

But we do not live in such a world. We live in a world where independence means the independence of governments but not of people.

Almost without exception throughout the entire world the governments that demand independence and that require the people to celebrate independence are governments that are rooted in the interests of an owning class.

These governments exist solely for the purpose of preserving a system by which the owning class extorts wealth, position, power, leisure, from the productive labor of nine-tenths of the people.

Within this system the people are allowed whatever "independence" and

"liberty" is possible without interfering with the system or the profits of the owning interests.

They are allowed to vote; they are allowed to move about when they have the price, or can find a safe place on the brake rods of a freight car; they may change jobs and masters, provided they do it individually and not collectively. They are allowed to express "free" opinions that do not oppose or jeopardize this system.

But let them vote in opposition to this system in numbers sufficient to threaten the system; let them use their liberty of movements to build up opposition to the system; let them "conspire" to quit work en masse; let them advocate a new democratic social system with sufficient power to menace the present system—AND THERE IS NOT ONE CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT IN THE ENTIRE WORLD THAT WILL NOT USE ITS FULL BRUTAL MIGHT TO CRUSH ALL SUCH "LIBERTY" AND "INDEPENDENCE."

If you dare to have high social ideals and visions of a better world; if you dare to oppose effectively in any way the existing industrial system, you will face the policeman's club, the judge's injunction, the court's sentence, the militiaman's bayonet, the soldier's machine gun, deportation, the prison or the firing squad in any capitalist country in the world.

There is no such thing as independence under capitalism. The word is an insolent mockery on the lips of

the defenders of the existing order. AS LONG AS A PRIVILEGED AND OWNING CLASS CONTROLS THE MEANS OF LIFE UPON WHICH THE PEOPLE MUST SUBSIST THE PEOPLE HAVE NO INDEPENDENCE TO CELEBRATE.

They cannot face essential facts; they cannot utter fundamental truth; they cannot express vital opinion; they must take without protest the corrupt and poisoned informations and pre-digested opinions that filter down to them through the press and other putrid agencies of capitalism. They must know to the owners of jobs; they must crawl; they must cease to be upstanding men and women.

In such a world the people must write a new charter of independence. Independence is an economic term; not a political term.

THERE CAN BE NO INDEPENDENCE UNTIL THE MEANS OF LIFE, THE SOURCES OF WORK AND WEALTH ARE MADE FREE AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL THE PEOPLE—UNTIL DEMOCRATIC USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THEM IS ESTABLISHED—UNTIL WE HAVE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY OR SOCIALISM.

Let us celebrate, then, the REAL INDEPENDENCE DAY—OF ALL HUMANITY—the day when the world wide marching hosts of the workers shall sweep aside forever the private monopoly, the private privilege, that keeps mankind from its vast and wonderful inheritance.

The March of the Nations



Facts About Socialism You Should Know

Some persons in this country dismiss the Socialist movement as insignificant and unimportant. They could not make a greater mistake. It has become the highest issue, the most important movement in the world today. No one can afford not to understand it. Read and ponder these facts about the Socialist movement.

Fact 1
The Socialist movement is the most extensive movement, the most completely world wide movement that ever existed.

Fact 2
There is an organized Socialist movement in more than 50 countries. Every country in the world where the capitalist industrial system has been established has a growing Socialist movement.

Fact 3
Two continents—Europe and Australia—are now deeply involved in the process of change to Socialism and are within a narrow margin of passing under the control of Socialists.

Fact 4
Forty per cent of the people of Europe now vote, work and strike for Socialism.

Fact 5
Almost half the citizens of the continent of Australia voted for Socialism in November, 1925. More than half the votes were cast for Socialism in the last elections in five of the six Australian states.

Fact 6
In one Australian state a labor party committed to a Socialist program has had full control for 11 years and has steadily been socializing industries with great success.

Fact 7
One European country has a Socialist ministry now; two others have

had Socialist ministries within a year; five other European governments have now, or have had within the past few years, coalition Socialist cabinets.

Fact 8
In four European countries more than 45 per cent of the people vote for Socialism.

Fact 9
One large American republic has a Socialist president and a Labor party parliament and cabinet.

Fact 10
The Socialist vote throughout the world has more than doubled since the world war, and it is almost universally increasing at every election and by-election.

Fact 11
The trade union movement throughout the world, with very few exceptions, has accepted the aims and purposes of Socialism and works in close co-operation with the Socialist party.

Fact 12
The main trade union federation of the world, embracing the bulk of the trade union organizations, is a Socialist trade union movement.

Fact 13
All the bonafide labor parties of the world are Socialist parties, or have already accepted partial Socialist programs. All real labor parties invariably become real Socialist parties in time.

Fact 14
The bulk of the co-operatives are closely connected with the Labor and Socialist movements and are used by these as part of the struggle and the process leading to Socialism.

Fact 15
The largest country in the world is completely controlled by the workers

who are now socializing the great industries, finance and trade.

Fact 16
This is a Socialist age. The world is in the midst of the most tremendous transformation in all history. The struggle of the hour is between Socialism and capitalism. No nation in the end—not even America—can escape this struggle.

Fact 17
This great world movement of the masses of mankind has developed to its present proportions in 70 years around the idea that the present industrial system can be changed by the people who are victimized by it—that poverty and slavery and class divisions and war can be banished from the earth and creative forces released that will turn this planet into an earthly paradise.

IS NOT THE VAST SPREAD OF SUCH A DARING IDEA, SUCH A STUPENDOUS FAITH, TO THE TOLLING MILLIONS OF THE EARTH IN THE SHORT PERIOD OF ONE MAN'S LIFE, A TRULY WONDERFUL DEVELOPMENT?

Is it not worth investigating? Is it not worth understanding? Read the Socialist Roll Call of the Nations on Page 2 for confirmation of most of these statements.

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The American Appeal is indebted to the American Labor Year Book, volumes V, VI and VII for many of the facts about the Socialist Party. Trade Union Movement and Co-operative Movement, published in this special propaganda edition of the Appeal. It found these books a mine of facts. Every worker should get the American Labor Year Book issued every year. The volume covering 1925 was issued recently. The address is Rand School of Social Science, 7 East 15th Street, New York City.

Government of Britain Joins War on Miners

Baldwin Takes Definite Stand
With Owners on Time
and Wages

London. As the British miners near the end of the second month of the lockout, the Baldwin government plainly shows its hand by rushing through legislation abolishing the seven hour day and accepting the owners' 10 per cent reduction in wages.

A tour of the mining districts, reveals the grim determination of the coal diggers. They may stick for one or even two months in face of the fact that tens of thousands of their families are seeking poor law relief. Their main reliance now is on foreign contributions. The government has dropped the "red gold" scare, and is permitting the Russian unions to contribute.

The attempt of the government to interfere with the miners' meetings is putting the latter in an ugly mood. Reports of violence increase.

The meeting of the representatives of the British labor movement will be held on June 25 as scheduled, to listen to the explanation of why the general strike was called off.

The Broadcaster

Everybody will have a job under Socialism, working for himself.

We shall never have true civilization until Socialism prevails.

After Coolidge, the next dictator in America will probably be called a dictator.

The profit system is a method of robbery. Plutocracy has made it an efficient method of robbery.

We have had ten years of reaction. It is time the aggressive progressivism of Socialism should have a hearing.

Western farmers have begged for justice for ten years. Let them vote the Socialist ticket and they will get it at once.

What difference does it make if Russian works do aid England? The only issue is, Are both asking the right thing?

Consider this: The profiteers boast that this is an era of marvelous prosperity; yet ninety per cent of the people are only three jumps ahead of starvation.

Isn't it pitiable? This great government of the United States is helpless to aid the farmers or to bring down the high cost of living due to profiteering.

With all the millions that have been given to charity to patch the leaks of the profit system, the leaks remain and are growing bigger year by year.

This is what causes much of the insane race against Russia. She is the only country on earth that can fight a war without borrowing money from the banks.

All the big fortunes represent confiscation of the private property of others. All of them will probably be confiscated for and by the whole people, whose they really are.

General Weyer would make an ideal dictator. He is bloody and without conscience, and what else is required in that capacity?

Republicanism is and always has been for the east and northeast. Democracy is and always has been for the south. There is but one genuine national party in the United States—the Socialist.

The naps who refuse to vote because neither Republicanism nor Democracy mean anything are likely to be disfranchised so they cannot vote when both of them openly announce themselves for loot.

Though fifteen million Germans voted to confiscate the feudal holdings of the lords of the Hohenzollerns while only half a million voted against it, the supporters of this righteous system decide that the old feudal thefts of centuries ago be legalized.

After dictating to congress for four years, Mr. Coolidge tells the south that the states must stand up for their rights. He means, must assume responsibilities he does not wish to assume.

The churches are still cowards. They believe in peace yet are against disarmament.

Ontario to Do Marketing For Farmers

Huge State System Will Handle
Produce at
Cost

Kemptville, Ont., Canada.—The Ontario government has announced a revolutionary project. It will take full charge of the marketing of practically all agricultural output produced for export.

The scheme was outlined here last week by Hon. John S. Martin, minister of agriculture, and it was indorsed by a group of bankers and other business men.

It has caused a storm of protest, however, from the produce dealers, or middlemen, but is welcomed by the United Farmers of Ontario and other farmers' co-operative organizations.

Butter, eggs, apples, and anything else shipped out of the country in any volume by the farmers, with the exception of cheese, will be collected, inspected, graded and exported under an official government brand.

Agents will also be stationed abroad by the government to look after things there and to assist in lowering the cost of marketing.

Full details of the scheme have not been worked out, but these will soon be completed and the enterprise launched without delay.

Lowden Indorses Danish Co-ops.

Chicago.—The American farmers must organize co-operatively, after the Danish methods. There must be legislation similar to the Hauge bill, allowing the farmers power to dispose of their products and a fair share of the surplus, and power to distribute the costs of all harvesting benefits by co-operation. The farmers must establish contest associations.

These three policies must be followed in American farming if farming is to be a success, according to Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, and at present in Denmark studying agriculture, says a copyrighted story from Copenhagen in The Tribune.

"Everybody talks of Denmark's agriculture. That is why I am here, to see for myself what can be done at home," Mr. Lowden said.

In my opinion, what the farmers at home want is only temporary legislation until their organization is perfect. The American farmer does not get his proper share of the food costs.

"This is due to lack of organization. While the Danish farmer is selling his products by co-operation directly to the retailer, obtaining 75 per cent, the American farmer gets 20 to 40 per cent of the price paid by the consumers, again due to lack of organization."

Hints World Steel Trust

New York.—Judge E. H. Gary has visions of a world-wide steel trust.

He outlined his plans at a luncheon arranged by the state chamber of commerce last week in honor of Dr. Paul Reusch, a distinguished German scientist.

Judge Gary said he wanted a "social organization" made up of the steel producers of the world, which would "stand together" on all questions that interested them.

That reminded his hearers of the famous "Gary dinners" which years ago fixed the price of steel all over the United States.

Polish Branch Tenders Gift

The following is from the socialist organization branch "Naprosod" Chicago, Ill.:

"We have the pleasure to inform you that our Polish Socialist organization branch 'Naprosod' ('Forward'), at its regular meeting, June 15th, unanimously accepted a resolution, submitted by Comrade W. Konuszewski, to contribute towards the American Appeal Promotion and Sustaining Fund the sum of \$10.00, with our most sincere wishes that your efforts shall be crowned with glorious success.

"We also desire to express our appreciation of the proper stand taken by the Appeal regarding the May Revolution in Poland and of the tactful presentation to the American workers of the attitude of the P. P. S. (Polish Socialist Party) and its role in the said revolution."

